## MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. Owen Kelley, Dr. John Paul Schmit, Dr. Bryan Bruns, Ms. Leeann Irwin, and Ms. Valerie Elliott.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Horticultural Supervisor, Ms. Mary Ann Canter (resident), and Ms. Amy Knesel (resident).

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of July 25, 2019 were approved.

DESIGNATION OF FIREFLY SANCTUARY: Ms. Mary Ann Canter shared her idea of designating part of City property located by the Hillside underpass as a firefly sanctuary. The Board supported the idea and will make a report to Council.

PUMPKIN WALK: Ms. Amy Knesel discussed challenges and lessons learned from last year's pumpkin walk and shared her plans for this year's event. The Board supported Ms. Knesel's plans for this year's pumpkin walk in the Hamilton Woods Tract of the Forest Preserve.

REPORT TO COUNCIL: The Board agreed to draft a report to Council requesting that more permanent fencing and signage be posted at the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve to limit littering and trash accumulation in that area.

PLAN FALL CLEANUP: The FPAB fall cleanup will occur on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve.

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> WORK SESSION: The upcoming Council work session and supporting documents for the Board's revisions to the Management and Maintenance Guidelines were discussed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Department of Public Works facility.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by the Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent